

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DANIEL JUNIOR

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Daniel Junior for his stellar and philanthropic contributions to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

Frederick Douglass once said "it is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." I thank Daniel Junior so much for believing in our mission of interrupting the school to prison pipeline and to guiding our young boys along a cheerfully charted path and sending them to college. He is investing in the children of our community, and they will be the benefactors of his investment for generations to come. He will always be a part of us, and we will always be a part of him. I thank him for all he does on behalf of our children.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Daniel Junior, a 2023 Role Model Wall Man with a generous philanthropic spirit and I ask my colleagues from the 117th Congress to join me in honoring this special circle of brotherhood.

HOMETOWN HERO—AURELIE MIGAUT

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VAN DUYN. I rise today to recognize Aurelie Migault, a Coppell native and West Point Swimmer who was recently named USAA Athlete of the Week.

Aurelie made her community proud by attending our nation's prestigious military academy. Her dedication to service and love for country is a testament to the kind of young woman Aurelie is.

Just last week, she made us immensely proud once again by breaking two West Point Academy records in the 100 and 200 meter breaststroke, making her a USAA Athlete of the Week.

I'd like to thank Aurelie for her commitment to our country at West Point and for representing North Texas in sport with her exemplary talent. I look forward to seeing many more achievements from Aurelie both in and out of the pool.

HONORING DON CHRISTOPHER

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the many contributions of Don

Christopher to our Gilroy community. Don passed away on Monday, December 12, 2022, at age 88, surrounded by his family. This loss is deeply felt across our community.

Don Christopher was born into a prune-farming family in San Jose in 1934. According to Mercury News archives, Ole Christopher had emigrated from Denmark, purchased 15 acres in South San Jose, and planted his first trees in 1896. The orchard expanded to hundreds of acres over the decades, and family members eventually sold their land in the 1950s to IBM for its facility.

Don attended Oak Grove Grammar School, Live Oak High School, and San Jose State University. In 1956, after receiving a gift of acreage, he founded the Christopher Ranch company. He planted lima beans, sugar beets, and 10 acres of garlic. From these beginnings, Christopher Ranch, while always remaining a family operation, evolved to become the nation's largest garlic processor. Although Christopher Ranch now grows garlic throughout California, all of it is processed in Gilroy. The company is the largest private employer in Gilroy.

Don and Christopher Ranch were instrumental in creating our renowned Gilroy Garlic Festival. In 1979, a handful of volunteers, including Don, staged a festival celebrating garlic with the goal of raising money for charity. They expected several thousand people from the surrounding communities. This turned out to be an underestimation: 15,000 people attended the first Gilroy Garlic Festival. The festival became a momentous, three-day event. It drew visitors from around the world annually from 1979 to 2019.

Don Christopher's hard work turned Gilroy into the Garlic Capital of the World. He also contributed extensively to our community, including the Gilroy Unified School District, through philanthropy. I first met Don in the 1980s when he built a child development center at his expense and opened it for the benefit of the children of his employees. Don was someone who cared about others. He was generous and devoted to his family, his employees, and his community.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize and commend Don Christopher for his awe-inspiring achievements. His legacy will endure for generations. We miss him greatly.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes on December 15, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Rollcall No. 529, and NAY on Rollcall No. 530.

RECOGNIZING BISHOP LARRY MACK

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, today, I want to recognize Bishop Larry Mack of Greater Dreams Church in the City of Wayne in Michigan's 13th District Strong, as he celebrates his 15 years of service in faith.

Bishop Mack has ministered to thousands of individuals as a faithful servant to his flock. He has provided a safe haven for downtrodden and weary souls, encouraging them through inspired teaching and support in faith. He has also served as a role model and mentor to youth, adults and senior citizens, leading them in ministry. Over the past 15 years, Bishop Mack has helped grow his family in faith and now hosts 5 television programs on TCT (Total Christian Television Network), reaching 172 nations and more than 73 million people.

Bishop Mack's work extends to community service. He has launched the Brown Bag Lunch Program (TEFAP) to assist individuals which provides nourishment and sustenance for those in need. He has established several auxiliary ministry branches to nourish GDC congregants including: GDC Sisterhood, V Youth, GDC Dance Troup, Alter Ministry, GDC Worship, Greater Men, Hospitality and Greeters, GDC Kids and Keepers of the House. Further, he co-founded The Redeemed International Gospel Assembly (TRIGA) comprised of hundreds of churches, ministering the grace of God and the Good News of the Gospel to untold thousands of individuals and families.

Please join me in celebrating Bishop Larry Mack for 15 years of service to Greater

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